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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

- (A) This declaration is for an original application.
- (B) My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.
- (C) I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:
"Water-deficit-tolerant Transgenic Plants",
the specification of which was filed on **Feb. 21, 2004** and received **Serial No. 10/783,710**.
- (D) I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.
- (E) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.
- (F) I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States provisional application **Serial No. 60/449,054, filed Feb. 22, 2003**
- (G) I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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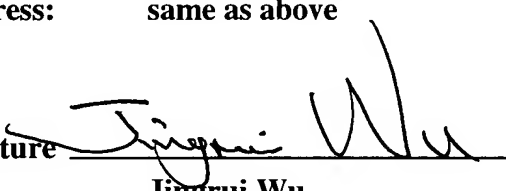
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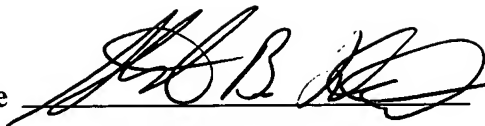
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